

St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER

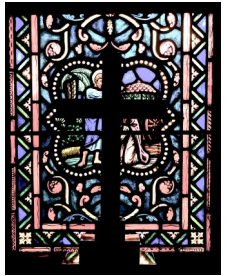
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025



APRIL 13TH PALM SUNDAY
PROCESSION OF PALMS/
LITURGY OF THE PASSION
8:00AM & 10:15AM

APRIL 17TH MAUNDY THURSDAY
10:00AM EUCHARIST & ANOINTING
7:00 PM. EUCHARIST &
STRIPPING THE ALTAR W/
“THE LAST SUPPER” PRESENTATION

APRIL 18TH GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 P.M. NOON SERVICE
W/ RESERVED COMMUNION
5:30 P.M. OUTDOOR STATIONS OF
THE CROSS



APRIL 20TH EASTER DAY
7:00 AM, SUNRISE EUCHARIST
IN THE COURTYARD
8:15 AM EUCHARIST W/BAPTISM
9:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT
10:15 EUCHARIST RITE II W/YOUTH
AND ADULT CHOIRS



APRIL 2025

The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last week of each month and highlights parish news for the upcoming month. **Deadline for submissions is the third Wednesday of each month.** Submissions should be sent to: Victoria Mymudes <office@stjames-leesburg.org>

Church Mailing Address

St. James Episcopal Church
204 N. Lee Street
Leesburg, FL 34748



SUNDAY SERVICES **8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**
HEALING SERVICE: **Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**
in the Chapel
FR. TREES' CELL & EMAIL: **(352)-643-118 EMAIL: frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org**
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OFFICE EMAIL: **office@stjames-leesburg.org**



Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:
Go to YouTube and type
“Leesburg Stjames” or visit our Facebook Page.

CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	Rev'd Thomas Trees
Deacon	Rev'd Art Hollows
Parish Secretary	Victoria Mymudes
Finance Secretary	Patricia Schaefer
Parish Organist/Choir Director	John Wilson
Youth Ministry and Choir Director	Elizabeth Williams
Sexton	Wylie Hill

2025 VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield, (Treasurer) Treasurer
Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Brooks, Rita Clements, Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda
Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary.



St. James Prayer List

Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with
additions/deletions



SHORT TERM
(3 Weeks)

Marion Belson
Beverly Cox
Marie Gan
Dot Hay
Elizabeth Linberger
Jeff Livesay
David Lossing
Nadine Millett
Angie Phillips
Susan Reynolds
Ann Seagraves
Jim Statts
JoAnn Statts

SHORT TERM
(3 Months)

Michael Baker
Ted Bedell
Nina Bonney
Margaret Branham
Leon Burke

Janet Davis
Randy Denk
Caroline Morrison
Gail Ostrander
Judy Rigby
Paul Rizzo
Joseph Sahab
Peggy Steeves
Danny Thompson

LONG TERM

Baby Autumn
Michael Baker
Patricia Bailey
Nathan Battle
Peggy Berutich
Bill Boyer
Joe Branham
Susan Burden
Mabel Burns
Judy Cable
Beverly Caswell
Cregg Careins Jr.

Jasmine Cleeton
Birdy Con-
nelleyLarry
Coolboth
Kristin Conner
Beth Crossley
Paul Dallaire
Berni Dodeci
David Dudley
Dottie Elliott
Keneta Gaillardet
Kami Hecker
Brook James
Ben Johnson
James Kevin Kaley
Susan Leonard
Katie Leware
Linda Long
Bill Mann
Jeff Millett
Becky Mitchell

Jim Mitchell
Brandon Morrison,
Belinda Morton
-Rusk
Jared Mymudes
Curt Oestreich
Cindy Raczkowski
Bubba Robinson
Holly Rouse
Robert Sanchez
Charlie Schaefer
Steve Scharber
Donna Sharnosk
Jameson Small
Shelly Thomas
Dot Vedder
Julitta Velton
Kevin Watkins
Helen Williams
Rob Yeager



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Fr. Charles Hay**, who passed away on March 12th, 2025, and **Carole Warner Brooke-Stewart**, who passed away on March 24th, 2025. Fr. Charles' Memorial service will be held at St. James on Saturday, May 3rd, at 11:00 AM. Carole's service will be at St. James on Saturday, May 10th, at 11:00 AM



*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

LIBRARY CORNER

EASTER, APRIL 20TH

“No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn. The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created spring.” **EASTER IS MEANT TO BE A SYMBOL OF HOPE, RENEWAL AND NEW LIFE.**” For I remember it is Easter Morn and love and peace are all new born.”

Lilies, eggs, bunnies, the cross, what does it all mean? The resurrection of our lord and Savior. I just read an article titled “People of the resurrection, living in the light of the Gospel”, written by Right Rev. Justin Holcomb, who reminds us that we, as Episcopalians, are people of the resurrection and we should explore this role during Eastertide by readings from the Book of Acts, the story of God’s grace flooding out into the world. In addition to your Bible readings, you will, of course, find other books about **EASTER AND THE GOOD NEWS** it brings on the parish hall book truck and in your parish library. Enjoy this wonderful season of Eastertide.

Wishing happiness, health and comfort, Margaret Branham, P.L.



Our next Grief Support Gathering is Thursday, April 3rd at *The Coffee Snob* (1101 W. North Blvd, Leesburg 34748) after closing. The Meet and Greet will start at 3:00pm with the meeting starting around 3:15pm. Remember if you want to order a drink or something to eat, come earlier.

Our conversation topic for April is *“Climbing Out of a Rut and Creating a New Life after Loss”*. Loss of any type can send us reeling into uncharted territory. For some, it means the loss of an identity. For many of us, it leaves us emotionally gutted with no sense of direction or IN A RUT! So how do we get ourselves out the rut? Join us for sharing and helping each other find ways to create new lives after our losses.

*God’s Blessings to you all,
Susan Cyrus*



THE LAST SUPPER

On April 17th, Maundy Thursday

13 men of St. James will portray Jesus and the 12 disciples as depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's fresco. Each disciple will discuss the changes in his life that occurred after meeting and following Jesus. These moving portrayals take the place of the sermon in the Maundy Thursday Service.

We invite you to join us for this powerful presentation.

CAST MEMBERS

(In order of appearance)

What: The Last Supper

When: April 17, 2025, 7:00 PM

Where: St. James Episcopal Church
204 Lee St.
Leesburg, FL 34748

Who: 13 men of St. James

Why: To make your Holy Week

Jesus	Bert Hogan
Thaddeus	Tom Grizzard
Andrew	Ross Belson
Simon the Zealot	Ted Kermode
Peter	David Knowles
Nathanael	Jeff Engel
Thomas	Russ Vance
James	Ralph Lambert
Phillip	Manish Bhatt
James the Younger	Ted Bowersox
Matthew	Bruce Saylor
John	Takee Cobb
Judas	Bob Tindall

Special Thanks To : **Director:** Jan Tindall; **Advertising:** Gem Vance, **Costumes:** Shirley Dunne, Kay Oestereirh, **Lighting:** Stephanie Engel & Jan Tindall; **Make-up:** Beth Williams & crew; **Prompter:** Cheri Knowles; **Props:** Patricia Baily; Valerie Naylor & Fran Bollenbach

ECW UPDATE

April 1st -General Meeting:

- ECW Board Meeting takes place at 9:00am.
- ECW General Meeting meets in the Parish Hall at 10:00am.

The program will feature “Leesburg Food Bank” presented by Larry Baker.

Hostesses: St. Annes Chapter.

April 15th Chapter Meetings:

St. Annes Chapter meets in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m.

St. Cecalias Chapter meets in the Parish Hall at 3.30 p.m.

St. Francis’ Chapter meets in St. Nicholas House at 10:00 a.m.

Janet Davis would like to express her gratitude to all her family and friends who donated **650 pounds of food** to the Leesburg Food Bank in celebration of her 95th Birthday.

Upcoming Events

April 11th Making Palm Crosses
April 13th Palm Sunday
April 18th Good Friday
April 20th Easter Sunday

LEESBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JEWELRY

Shirley Dunne will be collecting costume jewelry for Leesburg Elementary School. Students will be able to give a Mother’s Day gift to their mother or grandmother. Each student can select two pieces of jewelry. Please place your jewelry in a plastic bag. The deadline for donations is April 15th so that the staff can sanitize the jewelry before Mother’s Day. There is a donation box in the Parish Hall.

ARNOLD PALMER & RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The Arnold Palmer House expressed thanks to ECW not only for the dinner we provided for their residents but also for the pounds of pull tabs ECW has donated to support projects in the three homes in Orlando. FYI: The first Ronald McDonald House was opened in Toronto, Canada. There are now 368 Ronald McDonald Houses in 64 countries. Ronald McDonald House is a 501(c3) Organization.

EGG STUFFERS NEEDED!

One of the dearest St James traditions is our Easter morning egg hunt, and we need stuffers! Please help by donating something small enough to fit in a plastic egg. This can be candy (no chocolate, please. It melts.), stickers, small toys, or even coins if you don't want to go shopping. Items can be dropped off in the church office during the week or in the St. Nicholas House on Sunday mornings thru Palm Sunday. We are looking to fill one thousand eggs! Thank you for your help as we prepare for a beautiful Easter morning together!



Join the Mission Team on **Sunday, April 6th, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall**, as they share their testimonies of their mission trip in February. There were 50 members on the team this year. Information will be given on the number of patients served in the areas of dentistry, optometry, gynecology, pediatrics, and internal medicine. A video presentation will be included.

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The men of St. James are invited to join us on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for **April 16th.**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Please join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Paris Hall . Our next meeting is on **April 9th.**



Easter Flowers



If you would like to make a donation of **\$17.00** to our Easter Flower Fund in honor of a loved one, please complete this form, and return it, along with your donation, if received **no later than Friday, April 11th**. The names of all donors and honorees will be included in the Easter bulletin.

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

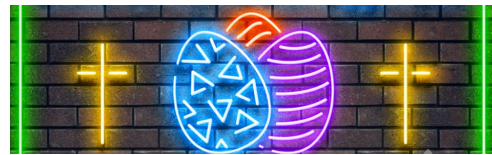
Carter Oldham	1st	Stephen Millett	17th
Keith Burnett	2nd	Linda Weekly	19th
Bob Clements	4th	Courtland Hintze	20th
Kathleen Trees	5th	Meg Johnson	20th
Mary Jane Crane	6th	Jeff Binneveld	21st
Charles Doti	7th	Wendy Breeden	22nd
Gary Neumann	8th	Tanina Singeltary	22nd
James Soltysiak	9th	Doug Springmann	23rd
Michael Saylor	11th	Maggie Delgado	24th
Ann Cholewa	13th	Kathleen Carey	25th
Sabastiana		Carmen Rebusmen	25th
Springmann	13th	Thomas Danielson	26th
Carol Hilbish	15th	Richard Singeltary	26th
Vance Russell	16th		

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Katherine Geyer	3rd	David & Cherie Knowles	21st
James & Wendy Breeden	5th	Drew & Shelly Logan	23rd
John & Nancy Russell	17th	Marc & Marie Crouch	23rd
Tom & Linda Grizzard	18th		

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK EGG HUNT!

This year on Good Friday, we are adding something new for our teenagers!



Following the 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, all middle and high school students are invited to the St. Nicholas House for dinner, an activity and object lesson, finishing off with a GLOW-IN-THE-DARK EGG HUNT! Parents are welcome to stay and participate or pick up between 9-9:30 pm. Feel free to invite friends! Please reach out to Beth Williams to sign up.

LEESBURG BIKEFEST VOLUNTEERS

The Leesburg Bikefest is a three day motorcycle and music event. It is known as one of the largest events of this kind in the country.

Every year St. James holds a fundraiser during this event by providing parking for the hundreds of people attending the Bike Fest Events in downtown Leesburg. Proceed go towards the Youth Ministries at the church. So, we need volunteers to help with this fundraiser. You can sign up to volunteer on **Friday, April 25th or Saturday, April 26th.**

Not only is this a great way to financially support our parish young people, but it also provides an opportunity to show the community who we are!

Please see **Beth Williams** or call/text her at (352) 702-2062 to sign up for a time slot. We always have a great time together as we welcome the thunder! Come join us for a fun, rewarding experience!

MARCH FOOD DROP

Volunteers, Tanina and Dick Singeltary, Jan Tindall, Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan and Rita Clements met our faithful food and monetary givers for the March Food Drop: As you will read, the food was collected from many different GIVERS!

ECW Meeting 317 lbs Janet Davis' 95th Birthday Celebration 650 lbs.






Parishioners, Cynthia & Chris Project: 279 lbs St. James March Food Drive 544 lbs.

Parishioner, Ann Kupferberg's Total Collected: 1790 pounds of food, **\$545.00**

Total to Date: **51,021** pounds of food, **\$5,899.00**

THANK YOU!!

God's blessings to all faithful parishioner at St. James. Thank you for your **INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FOR OUR MARCH FOOD DROP!** We look forward to our continued giving as our Leesburg Food Bank has great need for food and monetary contributions for those in our community. See you at the next FOOD DROP, Wednesday, April, 16, from 9:00-12:00. We are expecting clear, beautiful skies with the courtyard blooming in color and shades of green welcoming us. **BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT -EPHESIANS 5:18**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>JODY'S GIFT SHOP OPEN</u> Sunday 9-12 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10-2 <u>LIBRARY OPEN</u> Thursdays 8-12	1 9:00 ECW Board Mgt. 10:00 General Mgt. 6:00-800 Spiritual Formation Class (Collaborating w/God)	2 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	3 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 11:00-1:00 Spiritual Formation Course (Collaborating w/God)	4 10-2:00 Jody's Gift Shop Open 6:00 Youth English Dance	5
6 The 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Jamaica Medical Mission Presentation 10:15 Eucharist	7 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	8 6:00-800 Spiritual Formation Class (Sharing Faith)	9 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Daughters of the King 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Committee 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	10 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00-800 Spiritual Formation Class (Sharing Faith) 6:00 Newcomers Dinner	11 10:00 ECW Making Palm Crosses	12
13 Palm Sunday  8:00 Eucharist w/ Passion Reading 10:15 Eucharist w/ Passion Reading	14 3:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	15 ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS 10:00 St. Annes (Parish Hall) 10:00 St. Francis (St. Nicholas House) 3:30 St Cecilius (Parish Hall)	16 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 7:00 Holy Eucharist/ Last Supper Presentation	18 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 Good Friday Service 5:30 Stations of the Cross Glow in the dark Easter Egg Hunt	19
20 EASTER 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:15 Eucharist/ Baptism 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Eucharist	21 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	22	23 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Committee 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	24 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Vestry Meeting	25 <i>Leesburg Bikefest</i>  BIKEFEST PARKING	26 <i>Leesburg Bikefest</i>  BIKEFEST PARKING
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	28 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	29	30 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	<div> <div>APRIL</div>  <div>2025</div> </div>		